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### Philosophy Made Slightly Less Difficult

A Beginner's Guide to Life's Big Questions

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"This book, written by two men who are both high-level philosophers and exemplary Christians, will serve to initiate neophytes into the significance, joys, and challenges of philosophy as well as offer journeymen philosophers (such as myself) a rich banquet of philosophical reflection. I applaud the inclusion of new chapters (on aesthetics and the philosophy of religion) to this edition."

Douglas Groothuis, author of Philosophy in Seven Sentences

# Bringing Clarity to Life's Big Questions

Philosophy is for everyone. We think philosophically whenever we ask life's big questions:

- What is real?
- How do we know what we know?
- What is the right thing to do?
- What does it mean to be human?
- How should we view science and its claims?
- Why should we believe that God exists?

Philosophy is thinking critically about questions that matter. But many people find philosophy intimidating, so they never discover how invaluable it can be in engaging ideas, culture, and even their faith.

Garrett DeWeese and J. P. Moreland understand these challenges, and in this book they apply their decades of teaching experience to help to make philosophy a little less difficult. Using straightforward language with plenty of everyday examples, they explain the basics needed to understand philosophical concepts—including logic, metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, philosophical anthropology, and philosophy of science.

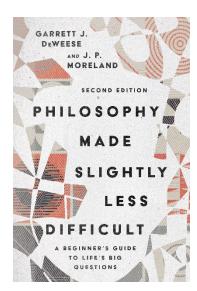
This second edition includes new chapters on aesthetics and philosophy of religion, as well as updated content on some current issues in philosophy. Ultimately, DeWeese and Moreland argue, developing a philosophically informed worldview is absolutely critical for Christians and for the future of the church. Students, pastors, campus workers, and ordinary Christians will all benefit from this user-friendly guide.

#### Contents include

- 1. Where Do I Start?
- 2. What Is Real? Metaphysics
- 3. How Do I Know? Epistemology
- 4. How Should I Live? Ethics
- 5. What Am I? Philosophical and Theological Anthropology
- 6. How Should Christians Think About Science? Philosophy of Science
- 7. What Is Beauty? What About Art? Aesthetics
- 8. What Should We Worship? Philosophy of Religion
- 9. Where Do I Go from Here? Worldview Struggle and Intellectual Crisis







## BIO



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## Philosophy Professors Share Their Expertise



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In his distinguished career, Moreland has co-planted three churches, spoken and debated on over 175 college campuses around the country, and served with Campus Crusade for Christ for ten years. The

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Also by J. P. Moreland:

